

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

An What is described is an echographic examination method, in which an echographic contrast medium or agent, injected into a blood vessel and comprising including a plurality of microbubbles, is sent by means of the blood circulation to a part of a living body under investigation and [[said]] the part is struck by an ultrasonic excitation signal at an excitation frequency ( $f_0$ ), and in which the microbubbles struck by the ultrasonic excitation signal generate an echo signal at a frequency different from the excitation frequency, [[said]] the signal being used to generate an image. The excitation signal exerts a pressure of 30 kPa to 1 MPa on [[said]] the microbubbles, the microbubbles emitting a stable signal at not less than one subharmonic of the excitation frequency, [[said]] the stable signal being processed to generate images.

[[Fig.]] [[3]]